GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7516
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2002
TRANSPORTATION OF SALT
JAYABEN B. THAKKAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Inland Salt Manufacturers Associationhad sent a representation to him on March 4, 2002 regarding extra ordinary hike of 135% in freight on transportation of salt;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Railway Ministry on the representation so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Gujarat Inland Salt Manufacturers Association has written regarding the hike in freight charges for salt and suggested charging of equal freight for different destinations in Eastern, North Eastern and Central India from all salt supplying centres.

(c) As announced in the Railway Budget 2002-03, Edible Salthas been kept in the lowest Class-90 in the rationalised freight structure.

Since, freight is based on actual distance of transportation, it is not possible to agree to the suggestion of charging equal freight for different distances.